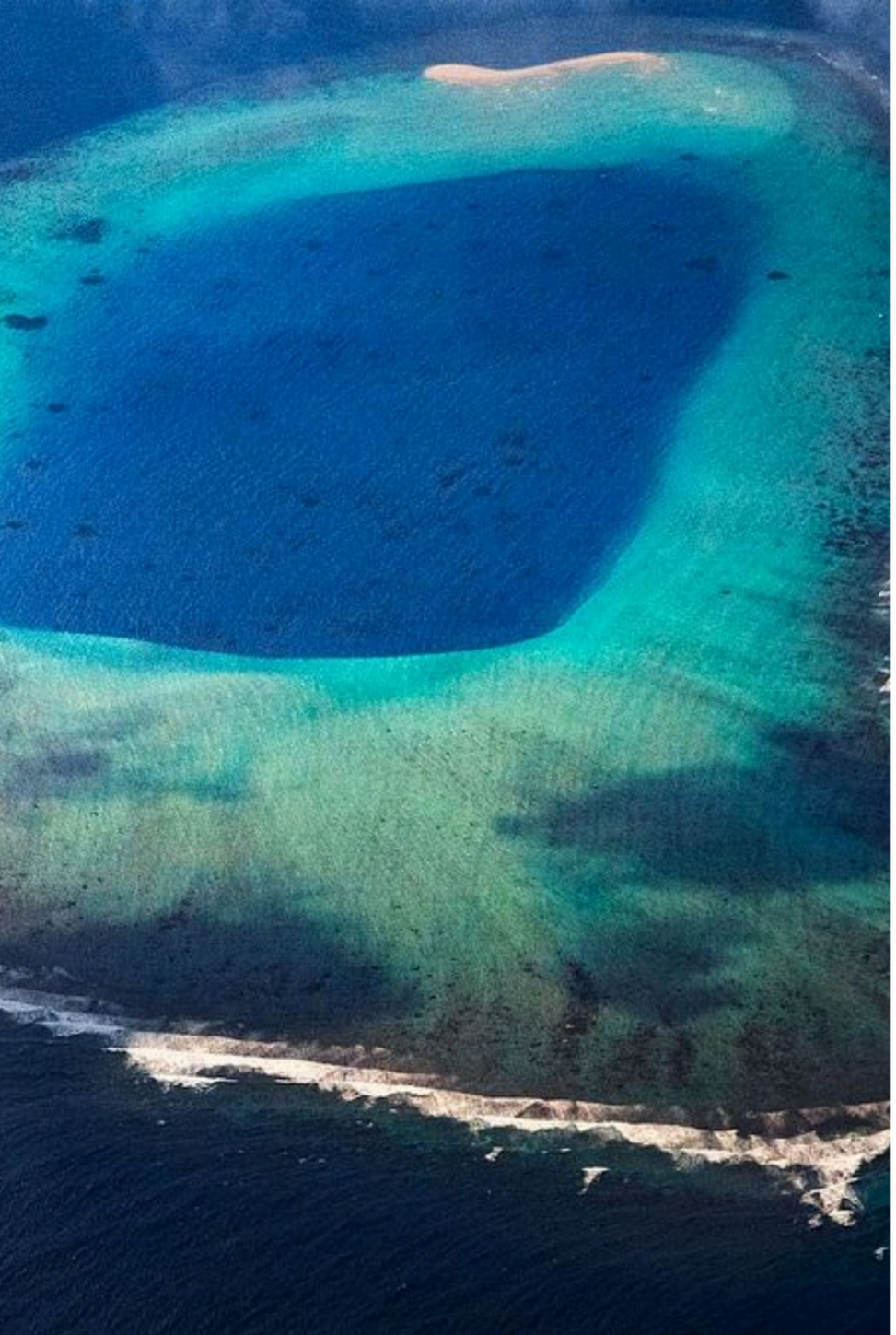


Best Liveaboards in the Philippines

Choose from the **best liveaboards Philippines** for unforgettable diving adventures, from remote reef walls and WWII wrecks to thrilling thresher shark encounters.

Start With the Reality: Three Distinct Destinations

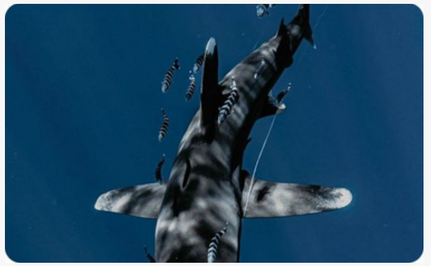
Plan the route first each has its own season, experience style, and diver expectations.

Tubbataha Reef

Remote Sulu Sea walls. Sharks, mantas, whale sharks. Advanced divers only.

Apo Reef + Coron

Shark-filled reefs plus twelve WWII wrecks. Reef action meets living history.



Visayas Circuit

Thresher sharks, sardine runs, turtles, muck diving. The most forgiving itinerary.

Tubbataha: The "Only By Liveaboard" Big-Animal Chapter

Tubbataha Reef is accessible only by liveaboard roughly mid-March to mid-June. Operators stop entirely outside this window.

~18 Dives

Typical 6–7 night itinerary

Wall Diving

Sharks, mantas, whale sharks

Advanced Only

Logbook minimums required

Apo Reef + Coron: Sharks by Day, WWII Wrecks by Depth

Most trips run December to May, typically 4–7 nights combining Apo's shark-and-reef action with Coron's WWII wreck diving.

Coron Bay Wrecks

Twelve vessels sunk in 1944, sitting at 10–43m classic for wreck photographers.

Apo Reef

Shark encounters and vibrant reef walls before you descend into history.

Visayas: The Variety Buffet That Works for Newer Divers

Running most of the year (thinner March–June), Visayas itineraries span 6–10 nights with roughly 24–28 dives. Open Water divers are often welcome here the variety makes it forgiving.

Malapascua

Thresher sharks at dawn one of the world's most reliable encounters

Moalboal

The famous sardine run a wall of silver you can swim through

Apo Island

Protected marine sanctuary with reliable turtle sightings

Dauin

World-class muck diving rare critters on black sand

The Bottom Line: Route First, Then Boat, Then Timing

1

Pick Your Route

Tubbataha = sharks & walls. Apo+Coron = wrecks & reef. Visayas = first liveaboard.

2

Check the Details

Confirm dives per day and Nitrox policy. Tubbataha requires Advanced Open Water.

3

Book Early

Tubbataha slots sell out fast aim for opening dates set annually by the park office.